

Please amend the application as follows:

In the claims.

~~Cancel~~ claims 2, 8 and 14.

1. (Amended) An active composition for an electrode of an alkaline electrochemical cell, comprising:

A1 a nickel hydroxide material; and
 a binder comprising a monosaccharide, a disaccharide, a pectin or a molasses.

7. (Amended) An electrode for an alkaline electrochemical cell, comprising:

A2 an active composition including:
 a nickel hydroxide material; and
 a binder comprising a monosaccharide, a disaccharide, a pectin or a molasses.

13. (Amended) An alkaline electrochemical cell, comprising:

at least one positive electrode;

at least one negative electrode; and

an alkaline electrolyte,

A3

said positive electrode having an active material composition including a nickel hydroxide material and a binder comprising a monosaccharide, a disaccharide, a pectin or a molasses.